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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the system comprises:

at least one of a camera, an optical communication system, an imaging system, a test system, and a measurement system.

Claim 3-5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (previously presented) A system comprising: one or more aperture-ingress-side surfaces treated to substantially absorb light; one or more aperture-egress-side surfaces; and

substantially all of said one or more aperture-ingress-side surfaces positioned such that light originating external to at least one of the one or more aperture-ingress-side surfaces is either allowed to enter an aperture ingress or is substantially reflected in a direction such that re-reflection through the aperture ingress is substantially minimized, wherein said one or more aperture-ingress-side surfaces comprise one or more curved surfaces.

Claim 7 (currently amended) The system of claim 6, wherein said one or more aperture-ingress-side surfaces positioned such that light originating external to at least one of the one or more side ingress-side surfaces positioned such that light originating external to at least one of the one or more aperture-ingress-side surfaces is either